

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1989 Ervin, R.G.
Archeological Survey of Maryland Route 32 between Pindell School Road and Maryland Route 108, Howard County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration
Library ID No: 00005855 Catalog/Shelving ID: HO 36

Research Firm/Institution:

Division of Archeology, MD Geological Survey
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Sites examined:

18HO80 18HO149 Others
NRHP Eligible: ☒ Y ☐ N NRHP Eligible: ☐ N ☒ N
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Project Details:

Phase I ☒ X Project Justification:
Phase II Archeologists surveyed five proposed alignments of Maryland Route 32 between Pindell School Road and Maryland Route 108, finding three archeological sites in the project area.
Phase III

Project Objectives:
-Identify and make preliminary evaluations of any archeological resources in the five proposed highway alignment APEs.

MAC Accession: 1987.019

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18HO80.
See below for remaining research questions at 18HO149.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1990 Beynon, D.E., and J.B. Irion
Phase II Archaeological Investigations at the Simpsonville Stone Ruins (18HO80) and the Heritage Heights Site (18HO149), Howard County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration
Library ID No: 00005856 Catalog/Shelving ID: HO 37

Research Firm/Institution:

GAI Consultants, Inc.
570 Beatty Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

Sites examined:

18HO80 18HO149 18HO210 18HO211
NRHP Eligible: ☒ Y ☐ N NRHP Eligible: ☐ N ☒ Y NRHP Eligible: ☐ N ☒ Y
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Project Details:

Phase I Project Justification:
Phase II ☒ X SHA plans called for improvements to Maryland Route 32 between Pindell School Road and Maryland Route 108 in Howard County, Maryland. Archeological work was conducted with funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in order to comply with federal cultural resources management legislation that requires consideration of the effects of construction on potentially significant historic or prehistoric resources.
Phase III

MAC Accession: 1992.025

Project Objectives:
Simpsonville Mill Sites (18HO80, 18HO210, 18HO211)
-Determine the overall extent of the sites through shovel testing.
-Determine the location of buried features/deposits from the generated artifact densities.
-Test the feasibility of using remote sensing (a magnetometer) to locate site features.
-Determine the function, age, and variety of the sites' deposits
Heritage Heights (18HO149)
-Determine the presence, nature, and extent of all cultural deposits and features at the site.
-Locate and evaluate these features and deposits, including those identified during Phase I work.

- Produce an historical context for interpreting archeological deposits identified during Phase II fieldwork.
- Determine the horizontal and vertical limits of the prehistoric component.
- Define the cultural affiliation, function, and integrity of the prehistoric component.
- Evaluate the National Register eligibility of the site.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18HO80.

The mixing of prehistoric and historic artifacts observed at Site 18HO149 indicates its lack of cultural integrity. Neither the historic nor the prehistoric deposits are considered to have any additional research potential.

See below for remaining research questions at 18HO210.

See below for remaining research questions at 18HO211.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1994 Seifert, D.J., E.J. Abel, D.C. McVarish, and D.B. Heck
 Data Recovery Investigations, Simpsonville (18HO80), Howard County, Maryland.
 Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration
 Library ID No: 00005879 Catalog/Shelving ID: HO 59

Research Firm/Institution:
 John Milner Associates, Inc.
 5250 Cherokee Avenue
 Alexandria, VA 22312

Sites examined:

18HO80 18HO210 18HO211
 NRHP Eligible: ☒ NRHP Eligible: ☐ NRHP Eligible: ☒
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Project Details:

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 Project Justification:
 Phase II evaluative testing in 1989 and 1990 demonstrated that the archeological resources at Simpsonville are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as an archeological district. These data recovery investigations were designed to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, and other applicable federal and states mandates. To mitigate the adverse effect of construction of a two-span bridge and road (MD 32) over the Middle Patuxent River adjacent to the mill and to recover significant resources, Phase III investigations were conducted.
 MAC Accession: 1995.007

Project Objectives:
 -Address the origins and development of the Simpsonville Mill community through data recovery excavations.
 -Determine the relationship of the natural environment to the built environment.
 -Determine functional and chronological relationships among the contributing resources.
 -Gain an understanding of the decline of the Simpsonville community.
 -Assess the relationship of the community to the sociocultural environment of historic Howard County, the state of Maryland, and the nation.

Research Potential:

Site 18HO80 was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under numerous criteria. While some deposits at the site were impacted by subsequent road construction, it is likely that much of the site still retains significant research potential regarding 19th century milling communities.

Test excavations at the Owings-Myerly Site (18HO210) revealed no significant contributing resources. Construction alterations during the 20th century, both historic and modern, have severely impacted any cultural deposits. Consequently, the side has no remaining research potential.

Evaluative testing at the Johnson Site (18HO211) has demonstrated the presence of undisturbed historic archeological deposits. Artifacts indicate that these deposits date from the late 19th to at least the mid 20th century. This span of occupation coincides with the later years of operation of the Simpsonville mill and general store. The archeological resources of the Johnson Site have the potential to contribute significant information concerning the Simpsonville district during its period of decline.